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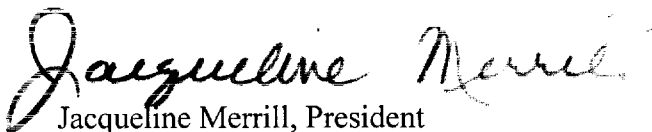
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FDA - Docket No. 98N-1265  
Food and Drug Administration  
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to oppose the Draft Memorandum being proposed by the FDA which would limit the ability of formulary pharmacies to ship medications meant for personal use across state lines. My concern comes from knowing that many areas of the country do not have formulary pharmacies, and therefore access to natural hormones, for example, will be severely limited, if not eliminated. I owe my life and my energy, after a serious bout with Epstein Barr virus, to the natural hormones that I have taken for some years now. Over those years I have changed the percentages contained in the hormones I take to suit the needs of my system. I don't know what I would do without them and without that flexibility to alter the formulas.

I do not want my medication choices restricted, with the result that individual doctor-patient-pharmacist teams working in the time honored tradition that goes back for centuries would be eliminated. Specifically, I object to the definition of "inordinate amount" which restricts the availability and the right to obtain medically necessary compounded medications by limiting the number of prescriptions that can be shipped across state lines from specialized compounding pharmacies.

Thank you for your attention. I sincerely hope you can honor my opinion.

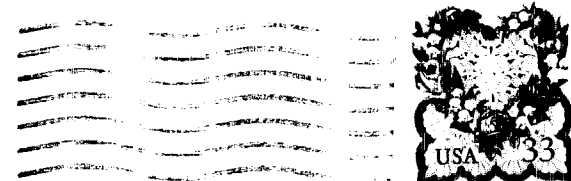
  
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